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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Tat, Binh C
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Ryan Fung, et al.) Art Unit No. 2825
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Application No.: 10/774,857)
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Filed: February 9, 2004)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
UTILIZING LONG-PATH AND SHORT-)
PATH TIMING CONSTRAINTS IN AN)
EDA TOOL FOR ROUTING)
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

Dear Sir,

In response to Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee mailed November 8, 2007,
Applicants respectfully submit this paper and fee.

REMARKS

In the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee mailed November 8, 2007, the Office has indicated that although the fee paid in the Notice of Allowance was paid, new patent fees have taken into effect after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

Applicants have submitted herewith the balance due of \$40.00 and a copy of the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1624.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 15, 2007



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NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

The issue fee payment filed on 10/25/07 has been received. Although the fee paid in the Notice of Allowance was paid, new patent fees went into effect on September 30, 2007 after the mailing date of the Notice. See the Sections 801 and 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). As stated in Section 803 of the Act, "the provisions of this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act. . . the provisions of section 801 shall apply to all patents, whenever granted, and to all patent applications pending on or filed after the effective date [September 30, 2007]. Because the issue fee was paid on or after September 30, 2007, the new issue fee was due instead of the amount specified in the Notice of Allowance.¹

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.18, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. The balance due is the difference between the issue fee required on the date that the correct issue fee is paid and the amount that was previously paid. This three-month time period may not be extended. If the balance due is not paid before the expiration of the three-month period, the application will become abandoned (if not issued) or the patent will lapse (if issued) at the termination of the three-month period.

App. Type	Column A Issue Fee Req. large entity / small entity	Column B Issue Fee PAID	Balance Due. Col. A minus Col. B
UTILITY or REISSUE	\$1,440.00 / \$720.00	\$ 1400.00	\$ 40.00
DESIGN	\$820.00 / \$410.00	\$	\$
PLANT	\$1,130.00 / \$565.00	\$	\$

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with payment.

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I hereby certify that this notice and the required additional fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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